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Boku wo Tsutsumu Tsuki no Hikari

Embraced by the moonlight

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Whisper Whisper Whisper

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Huh?

Katana Admin

FROZEN

Boss? Did you hear me?

WOBBLE

Oh, crap!

Katana-sama! Are you OK?

BONK!

What could've been so bad as to render all of our admins totally unconcious?

SNAP!

Was it a worldwide shortage of manga? Did shoujo manga cease to exist?

Oh, no! It was something much more sinister...

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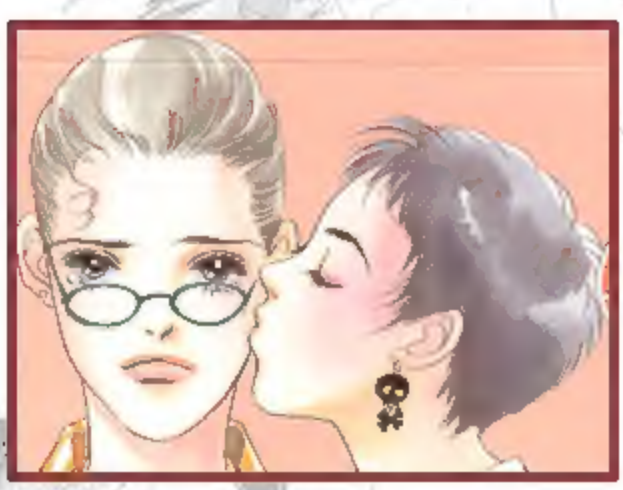

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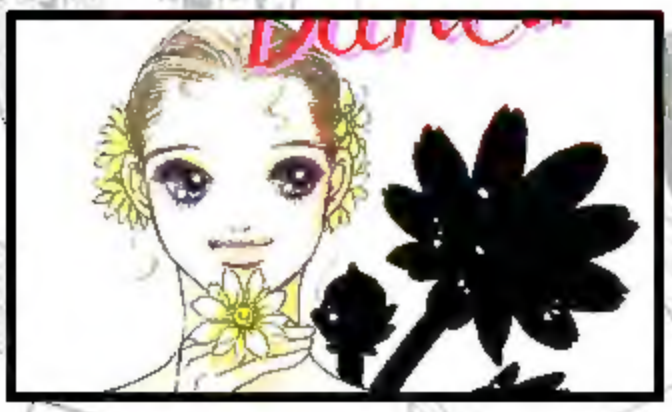

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Chapter 76

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Kicks

DAD!!

RE...
REN...!

STOP IT,
DAD!

GET UP.

1/4 Column Babbles

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AND IT SEEMS HIWATARI WILL WRITE THE SCRIPT FOR THE DRAMA CD IN THE MAGAZINE.

..or at least that's the plan. ♪

SO THEN WHAT

Pouring rain

KIND OF STORY WILL IT BE?

IT'S A STORY ABOUT RAIN!!

STAND UP!!!

STOP IT, DAD!!

AH...

HRM?

SORRY, REN. YOU SEE...

I'M SO EMOTIONAL

IT MAY LOOK BAD, BUT DAD IS ACTUALLY VERY HAPPY.

VERY HAPPY.

Huuu uhhh?

TO MEET IKEMEN HERE.

BUT, YOU SEE?

—OR SOMETHING, RIGHT?!

OHHH, JOY! I FOUND IKEMEN!

AND NOW WE WON'T BE SAD ANYMORE!

COME ON, LET'S ALL GO HOME!!

Congratulations!

...BUT IF YOU THINK

I'M GOING TO BE APPEASED...

AND FEEL ALL WARM AND FUZZY...

BLACK

YOU'RE DEAD WRONG.

I'M SO UNCONTROLLABLY HAPPY IT'S AS IF—

AM I RIGHT?!!

IT'S BEEN A HUNDRED FREAKING YEARS SINCE WE LAST MET!!!

AND NOW WE HAVE THE CHANCE TO TOUCH AND TALK AND THROW PUNCHES AT EACH OTHER!!

MR. ZAI TES SHI ON!!!

Haha!

...PFT

liked

WHY...

...YOU...

HOW—

—AH...
MY BAD

Crabs

WELL?!!

—CAN YOU LAUGH AT A

LIKE THIS!

TIME

AHHH! Ghhhhh!!!

BLA

TELL ME WHAT'S SO FUNNY!!!

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS SO FUNNY? WHAT?!

BECAUSE I KNOW

EVERYTHING YOU'RE THINKING

AND WHY YOU'RE TRYING TO DO THIS NOW.

Grips!

I KNOW THAT—

RIN,

INSTEAD OF HAVING TO DEAL WITH ANNOYING STUFF LIKE THIS, YOU'D MUCH RATHER

LOCK ME BACK UP SOMEWHERE, BE IT THE MOON BASE OR WHEREVER,

AND ONCE AGAIN TAKE AWAY MY FREEDOM TO DO AS I PLEASE.

...I KNEW SOMEONE WHO THOUGHT JUST LIKE THAT BACK ON THE MOON BASE.

YOU'RE WONDERING IF THERE'S SOME WAY TO COMPLETELY CONFINE ME.

HA!

BUT UNLIKE GYOKURAN, I HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO THAT.

OF COURSE I AM.

JUST WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?!

MOREOVER—

GO AHEAD AND SAY IT. YOU CAN READ MY MIND AFTER ALL, CAN'T YOU?

JUST WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE RIGHT NOW?!

WELL?!

WHO ARE YOU?!!

Yank

AND MY "PRESENT" SELF

IS WHO I AM BECAUSE OF WHO YOU WERE IN THE "PAST".

YOU'RE ME!!!

AND YOU WERE JUST GOING TO ABANDON ME?!

ABANDONING ME IN THE "PRESENT" MEANS THE "FUTURE" ME WILL DIE.

AND THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE CHIMAKO'S FAULT? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.

IT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE JUST GOING TO LEAVE ME TO DIE!!

ISN'T THAT THE SAME AS SUICIDE?!!

ALL BY HIMSELF ON THAT FREEZING MOON BASE

HE MANAGED TO SURVIVE

FOR NINE WHOLE YEARS.

HE SURVIVED!!!

ZAI TES SHI ON WAS A MAN,

A HELPLESS BLOCKHEAD,

WHO DIDN'T KNOW A THING, BUT

I FIND THAT

SO COOL—

HE WAS INCREDIBLE.

AND—

THAT I JUST CAN'T STAND IT, BUT—

—Shion

YOU'RE TELLING ME
THAT YOU WON'T SURVIVE
ON EARTH WITH ME?!!

Shion, can you hear me?

Listen,

hear me out.

A miracle has happened!

Alice has—

Alice and I have—

—RIN

CAN I ASK YOU JUST ONE THING?

YOU THINK THAT YOU AND I SHOULD BE MORE PROACTIVE IN DEEPENING OUR SYNCHRONIZATION—

UH... ERM...

—IS THAT... WHAT YOU'RE... REQUESTING, MAYBE?

B

...UH... ER... WHAT?

I MEAN,

IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE ASKING,

"CAN'T WE BE MORE AS ONE".

SO, IS THAT THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGN?

RUSTLING

WAVES

BLACK

BUT YOU *HAVE* GROWN UP, SO—

IF I DON'T HOLD BACK AND WE DEEPEN OUR SYNCHRONIZATION, YOU MIGHT BLOW OUT AGAIN.

I MEAN LIKE A FLAT TIRE!

I JUST HEARD SOMETHING I CAN'T LET SLIDE.

I BLEW OUT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?!

B

HOLD UP A SECOND.

The tears have stopped in an instant

WHEN YOU WERE A KID,

YOU HAD SUCH A STRONG REJECTION THAT YOU COULDN'T CONTAIN IT ALL YOURSELF

AND YOU SHUT ME OUT... NO, YOU RELEASED ME INTO THE ATMOSPHERE!!

—WELL... BUT THANKS TO THAT, I WAS ABLE TO MEET MOKUREN AGAIN...!

THAT WAS A BLOW OUT!!

OHHH.

HEY, IKEMEN!

WAS PRETTY LADY ALSO IN THE ATMO-SPHERE

BECAUSE MOM HAD A BLOW OUT?!

AHH, NO, THOSE TWO WERE EVEN WORSE.

ACCORDING TO MOKUREN, THEY HAD A NAT-URAL REJECTION EVEN STRONGER THAN OURS.

EH ?!!

FROM WHAT I HEARD, ALICE WAS ESTRANGED FROM HER SINCE EARLY CHILDHOOD, SO MOKUREN MADE DO WITH ONLY SYN-CHRONIZING FOR TEN MINUTES A DAY.

BUT SHE'D ALWAYS SMILE AND SAY SHE DIDN'T MIND.

Oden-

den-

deeeen~

...WHILE WAITING FOR ME.

SHE USUALLY SPENT HER TIME GOING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE MOON BASE AND THE ATMOSPHERE

...YUP.

IKEMEN JUST CLEARLY ADMITTED THAT HE'S REINCARNATED FROM ANOTHER PLANET, CHIMAKO!!

AWESOME!!

...WELL

THAT'S WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU REINCARNATE FROM ANOTHER PLANET.

SO WHY ARE YOU TWO SEPARATE?

DAD IS IKEMEN'S REINCARNATION, RIGHT?

I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE, BUT

YOUR DADS ARE JUST IN THE PROCESS OF SYNCHRONIZING.

TRY THINKING OF IT LIKE A COMPUTER AND AN IPOD, REN.

THE OTHERS MANAGED TO SYNCHRONIZE PRETTY SUCCESSFULLY,

BOTH EXISTENCES HAVE TO COORDINATE IN SOME FORM.

BECAUSE THEY'RE STILL IN THAT PROCESS,

TRANSMISSIONS FROM MOKUREN

SO I GUESS IT'S JUST MOKUREN AND I WHO ARE THE ODD ONES OUT.

If a day comes when Rin is able to control his own ESP

and he and Alice are able to spend their days in peace,

that's when we

should give up all attempts at synchronization, and graciously

vanish into the atmosphere.

FUR-THER-MORE,

WHILE SHION AND MOKUREN WERE RESIDING IN THE ATMO-SPHERE,

...Say, Shion—

THEY MADE A CERTAIN PROMISE— THAT PROMISE BECAME

...A LAW

FOR THEM TO ABIDE BY.

A

IF THEY WERE TO CONTINUE WITH ONLY A PART-WAY SYNCHRONIZATION,

AT ANY RATE,

CRASH...

SOMEDAY THEY WERE CERTAIN

THEY WOULD SIMPLY ENVY THE HAPPINESS OF THE KOBAYASHI FAMILY

AND THAT WOULD BE ALL THE MORE REASON THAT THEY'D HIT THEIR LIMITS—

N—

——NO.

That...

...THAT WAS JUST... JUST THE PLAN!

—Ah
...

STUFF CHIMAKO WAS PICKING UP FROM MOKUREN THROUGH TELEPATHY...

THAT WAS ALL...

SEE... UH... JUST HEAR ME OUT, RIN.

BUT JUST LISTEN TO THIS!

SINCE ALICE WAS THE ONE WHO PROPOSED SYNCHRONIZING, MOKUREN SAYS THEY'VE HAD ABOUT A 70% SUCCESS!!

SO THAT'S WHY SHE'LL ACTUALLY GET TO GIVE BIRTH WITH ALICE...!!

He's smiling.

He's smiling.

ISN'T IT AMAZING?!!

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?!

Smiling uncontrollably.

was me——

I get it now.

Aah,

The one who couldn't accept him this whole time

and had always been running away